

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council's Tews Lane Committee  
held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 9.15am  
at The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington.**

- Present:** Cllrs I Capon, I Crawford and S Kingdom  
Aaron Heighton, Barnstaple Youth Football Club  
Mrs Kate Graddock, Acting Parish Clerk
- 1910/22      **Apologies for Absence**  
No apologies were received.
- 1910/23      **Declarations of interests**  
None.
- Public Participation Period**  
None.
- 1910/24      **Minutes**  
**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and notice of inquorate were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.  
(NC)
- 1910/25      **Tews Lane Pavilion**  
Members were reported that contact had been made by North Devon Council Planning Department in relation to the Planning Application submitted for Tews Lane. There were a number of documents missing from the application and it is now clear that there maybe alternatives to investigate and to engage with the surrounding community.
- It was noted that the current plans submitted are possibly unachievable due to the predicted build cost of over £1million. A discussion was held on the desire to enter into discussions with The Beechfield Centre Architect who could potentially take the project forward and help to ensure that an achievable project is delivered.
- RESOLVED:**
1. To employ the services of the current architect for The Beechfield Centre, Woodward Smith Ltd to deliver the Tews Lane Project to Planning Stage for a fee of £750.00 + VAT in 2019/20 and £3625.00 to be allocated in the 2020/21 budget.
  2. For the Clerk to contact North Devon Council regarding the current planning application submitted and report back to the next Committee meeting.
- (NC)
- 1910/26      **Request to use the Car Park/Field**  
**a) Fremington Trailblazers Request**
- Members were reported that at a previous meeting, a member of the Trailblazers Running Club enquired about using the Field and car park for training of the club. Members felt this was a great way to use the facilities, but had some concerns over the use of the car park due to the Football Clubs paying subscriptions to the Council, however it was
- RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the Trailblazers to ascertain what times/days the club wish to use the car park due to there being football training on several nights in the week.  
(NC)

**b) Tarka Learning Partnership, further to Minute No: 1905/58**

Members were asked to consider a request previously submitted, which was unable to be answered at that time, from the Tarka Learning Partnership asking for permission to open the gates to Tews Lane for the site for Roundswell Community Primary Academy. Members noted that there are no footpaths, and no pavements between Glenwood Park and Linden Homes and that in previous discussions it has been mooted that the majority of children will be from Roundswell and will be asked to use public transport or walk to the School. Concerns were raised regarding the car park being used for school drop offs and pickups as we have paying tenants who require these facilities. After further discussion, it was

**RESOLVED:** That the request is declined.

(NC)

1910/27

**Tews Lane – Football Pitches/Dugouts**

Members were reported from a meeting with Barnstaple Youth Football Club in relation to the dugouts, advertisements signs and the storage container. There are concerns over the anti-social behaviour in the dugouts and the mess that is left behind. Aaron said that he would be happy to provide the labour for the removal of the dugouts if the Council could dispose of the materials. The smallest dugout located near the Pavilion is not needed anymore, however, he needed to contact the Barnstaple Football Club to enquire if the other dugout was needed for their matches. The container is in need of repair as the salt that is located inside is making everything damp and is rotting.

In addition to this matter, there have been a number of concerns regarding the advertisement signs that are located on the wooden fence. There were several signs broken and left on the ground, hanging off the fence and some were disposed of in the area at the front of the facility. Aaron confirmed that these were the responsibility of the Barnstaple Football Club.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That contact is made with Barnstaple Football Club to enquire as to whether the second dugout is needed, if not then the Clerk organises the disposal of the materials for the Barnstaple Youth Football Club.
2. That the Clerk asks a member of the Barnstaple Football Club to be in attendance at the meetings.
3. That the Clerk investigates options for storage and reports back to a future meeting.
4. That the Clerk contacts Barnstaple Football Club to ensure they are made aware of the concerns regarding the signs around the Field and they are asked to ensure that they are kept in a good condition and do not litter the area.

(NC)

1910/28

**Budget 2020/21**

Members considered items for inclusion in the 20/21 budget and it was

**RESOLVED:** To investigate and include the following:

1. Replacement of wooden fence around Tews Lane as there is a limited lifespan remaining and the need for disabled access onto the field.
2. The provision of Architect costs and any associated documents for the Tews Lane Extension.
3. The possibility of repairing/replacing the metal fence.
4. The possibility of making an entrance to the top left of the Field.

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**Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00am.

Signed.....

Dated .....

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